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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RUNNING OF LONG DISTANCE TRAINS BEHIND SCHEDULE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently passengers have to undergo severe inconvenience as a result of the most of the long distance trains running behind their schedule;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received a number of complaints from passengers of different States especially from passengers of Konkan railway in this regard;

(a) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to ensure that the trains run in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Complaints are received regarding late running of specific trains from MPs/MLAs/Publicat National, Zonal, Divisionaland Stations' levels. These are examined and action, as appropriate and justified, is taken.

(e): The following steps are being taken to improve the punctuality performance of trains:

1. Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all the three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board.

2. Punctuality drives are being conducted by nominating officials to monitor trains.

3. Running of trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restriction.

4. Improvement in Time tabling to provide a clear path.

5. Improvement in standard of maintenance to reduce equipment failures.

6. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.

7. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.